



GENERAL NOTICE – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Subject: Acceptable colors for emergency warning lights

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Based on a recent review of the law and discussions with the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles (RIDMV), the Division of Emergency Medical Services has determined that further guidance is warranted with respect to approved colors for emergency warning lights on Rhode Island-licensed ambulances. This information supersedes that published in the current *Rhode Island Ambulance Licensure & Inspection Manual* and the General Notice promulgated on February 15, 2010 relating to Acceptable Colors of Warning Lights.

The Division of Emergency Medical Services authorizes lighting placement and colors for emergency response vehicles based on the following legal and regulatory standards including but not limited to: the current *Federal Specification for the Star-of-Life Ambulance* (KKK-A-1822), RIGL § 31-24-31, and NFPA 13.8.12.

Effective immediately, the acceptable colors for Rhode Island-licensed ambulances of all classes (including both transporting and non-transporting vehicles) shall be as follows:

Forward and/or side-facing lights: Red and white;

Rear facing lights: Red, white and/or amber;

Vehicles registered as fire apparatus: Those light colors listed above plus one (1) blue warning light in zone C rear per NFPA 13.8.12 *Color of Warning Lights*.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions related to the ambulance inspection and licensure process please contact the Division of Emergency Medical Services at (401) 222-2401.

Authorizing Signature:

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